

WISCONSIN MEDICAID FOR THE ELDERLY, BLIND AND DISABLED APPLICATION / REVIEW INSTRUCTIONS

This is a Medicaid application for persons who are age 65 years or older, blind or have a disability. This is not an application for food stamps. If you are interested in applying for food stamps you must contact your local county/tribal social or human services department, or your W-2 agency.

If you have a disability and need to access this information in an alternate format, or if you need it translated to another language, contact 1-608-266-3356 (voice) or 1-608-266-2555 (TTY). These services are free of charge.

If you need help filling out this application or wish to answer the questions in person or over the telephone, contact your local county/tribal social or human services department. For other questions regarding Medicaid for persons who are elderly, or blind or have a disability, please call the Recipient Hotline at 1-800-362-3002. Information is also available on the Department of Health and Family Services internet site at : <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Medicaid/index.htm>.

HOW TO USE THIS FORM

1. Read instructions completely before completing application.
2. Print clearly. Use blue or black ink.
3. Do not write in the shaded sections.
4. Completely fill out application. You may authorize a representative to apply for you. Complete and send the Authorized Representative form (HCF 10126), with your application. This form authorizes a representative to complete and sign the application for you. A legal guardian, conservator or power of attorney may apply for an individual without authorization by the individual. If you are applying on someone's behalf, complete the application as if you were that person.
5. Enter information about you and your spouse.
6. There may be a delay in Medicaid benefits if the application is not complete. (Use checklist on page 12 to ensure your application is complete) If your application is not complete or you requested retroactive eligibility for the three months prior to submitting this application, your county/tribal social or human services department will contact you for more information.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The following is important information regarding Medicaid eligibility for persons who are elderly, or blind or have a disability:

- Your application date is the date the signed application is received by your local county/tribal social or human services department. A decision on your Medicaid eligibility will be mailed to you within 30 days of your application date. Unsigned forms will be returned.

It is important to apply as soon as possible since your benefits are based on your application date, if you are eligible. You may be able to get Medicaid benefits for up to three months before your application date if you provide the necessary information to show you met the eligibility requirements for those months. If you want help paying for health care for any of the past three months (backdating), make sure you checked the "Yes" box on the first page of the application where you are asked, "Do you need help for your medical bills for the past three months?"

- Learn more about your rights and responsibilities in the *Wisconsin Medicaid Program – Eligibility and Benefits* brochure (PHC 10025). If you do not have a brochure, you may get one at your local county/tribal social or human services department, or by calling Medicaid Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002, or by downloading one from the Medicaid Internet Site at: <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Medicaid/index.htm>.

If you have any questions about your rights and responsibilities contact your county/tribal social or human services departments, or call Medicaid Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002.

- If you are found eligible for Medicaid, you will need to complete a review at least once every 12 months to determine if you are still eligible for benefits. All changes, such as a change in income or changes to your household, need to be reported to your county/tribal social or human services department within 10 days.

SECTION I – Applicant Information

Under Wisconsin Statute section 49.54 (4), personally identifiable information is only used directly for the administration of the Medicaid program.

Do you need help paying for health care received during the past three months?

Check "Yes" if you need help paying for health care during the past three months. (New applications only) Check "No" if you do not. If you checked "Yes", additional information will be necessary to process your application. Your local county/tribal social or human services department will contact you.

Check the language you want eligibility notices printed in.

Check "English" if you would like your notices printed in English. Check "Spanish" if you would like your eligibility notices printed in Spanish. If you need assistance with translating any eligibility notice you receive into a language, other than English or Spanish, contact your local county/tribal social or human services department.

Language spoken in the home.

Print the name of the language spoken most often in your home.

Date Received

Do not fill in shaded area.

RFA Number

Do not fill in shaded area.

Name of Person Applying for Aid

Print last name, first name and middle initial of the person applying for Medicaid.

Telephone Number

Print your 10-digit telephone number (include area code).

Address

Print your address, street, city, state and zip code.

Mailing Address

Print the mailing address of where you would like information sent regarding your Medicaid eligibility and benefits. This may be your current address or the current address of your authorized representative. This may also be an alternate address from where you reside.

SECTION II – General Information

Eligibility for Medicaid is based on information provided for you and if married, your spouse.

Name

Print the last name, first name and middle initial of the applicant and, if married, the applicant's spouse. List the applicant as "1" and, if married, the applicant's spouse as "2". (When completing the rest of the application continue to use the same format with information for the applicant as "1" and, if married, the applicant's spouse information as "2".)

List previous names used for you and/or your spouse.

Print any previously used married, maiden or other names.

Applying for Medicaid?

Check "Yes" if you are requesting Medicaid. Check "No" if you are not requesting Medicaid. Check "Yes" if your spouse is requesting Medicaid. Check "No" if your spouse is not requesting Medicaid.

Race or Ethnic Code

Print the code or codes that best describe the race or ethnic background for you and your spouse. This information is voluntary and will not be used to determine eligibility.

- A = Asian
- B = Black
- H = Hispanic origin

- I = American Indian/Eskimo
- P = Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- S = Southeast Asian
- W = White

Social Security Number

Print a Social Security Number (SSN) for you and/or your spouse if applying for Medicaid. You only need to provide SSN information for those applying for Medicaid.

Providing or applying for an SSN is voluntary; however any person who wants Wisconsin Medicaid but does not want to provide their SSN or apply for one will not be eligible for benefits, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes s. 49.82(2). SSN information will be used for the administration of the Medicaid program. Your SSN permits a computer check of your information with government agencies such as the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the federal Social Security Administration (SSA) and Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development. In addition, the Medicaid program will match your name and SSN with information provided by health insurance carriers to determine if you have other health insurance.

If you are applying only for emergency services because of your immigration status; you do not need to provide information about your SSN. Your name or SSN will not be shared with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

Gender

Check "Male" if you are a male. Check "Female" if you are a female.

Date of Birth

Print the birth date for you and your spouse. When entering the birth date, use the number of the month, day and year. (Example: If the birth date is February 23, 1970, enter 02/23/70.)

Marital Status

Print the code in the space provided that best describes your marital status.

- A = Annulled
- D = Divorced
- LS = Legally Separated
- M = Married
- S = Separated
- N = Never Married
- W = Widowed

Are you an United States Citizen?

Check "Yes" if you are a U.S. citizen. Check "No" if you are not a U.S. citizen. Check "Yes" if your spouse is a U.S. citizen. Check "No" if your spouse is not a U.S. citizen. If you checked "No" for yourself or your spouse and are applying for Medicaid, submit a copy of both sides of the immigration documentation with this application. Information may be submitted to the INS for verification for those applying for Medicaid.

If not applying for Medicaid, proof of immigration status is not necessary.

Veteran

Check "Yes" if you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. Check "No" if you are not a veteran. Check "Yes" if your spouse is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. Check "No" if your spouse is not a veteran.

Have you been determined blind or disabled by the Social Security Administration (SSA)?

Check "Yes" if you have been determined blind or disabled by the SSA. Check "No" if you are not blind or disabled. Check "Yes" if your spouse has been determined blind or disabled by the SSA. Check "No" if your spouse is not blind or disabled.

If you are disabled and not currently working, are you interested in working?

Check "Yes" if you are interested in working. Check "No" if you are not interested in working. Check "Yes" if your spouse is interested in working. Check "No" if your spouse is not interested in working.

Have you received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in the past?

Check "Yes" if you have received SSI in the past. Check "No" if you have not received SSI in the past. Check "Yes" if your spouse has received SSI in the past. Check "No" if your spouse has not received SSI in the past.

SECTION III – Employment Income (Use a separate sheet of paper if additional space is needed.)

To have your eligibility determined, you and your spouse must provide information regarding your income.

Are you or your spouse working?

Check "Yes" if you or your spouse are working and complete the rest of Section III. Check "No" if you and your spouse are not working, and skip to Section V.

Name of Person Employed

Print the last and the first name of the employed persons.

Employer

Print the employer's name and address for the employed persons.

Date Employment Began

Print the beginning date of employment for the person that is employed. When entering the date use the number of the month, day and year. (Example: If the date that employment began is May 2, 2000, enter 05/02/00.)

Gross Monthly Earnings Expected This Month

Print the expected monthly gross earnings (before taxes and deductions) for this month for each employed person. Round to the nearest dollar.

Gross Monthly Earnings Expected Next Month

Print the expected monthly gross earnings (before taxes and deductions) for next month for each employed person. Round to the nearest dollar.

SECTION IV – Self-Employment (Attach an additional sheet if more space is needed.)

Are you or your spouse self-employed?

Check “Yes” if you are self-employed. Check “No” if you are not self-employed. Check “Yes” if your spouse is self-employed. Check “No” if your spouse is not self-employed.

If you answered “Yes” for you and/or your spouse to the above question complete the rest of Section IV.

Self-Employed Person

Enter the last and first name of the person who is self-employed.

Business Name and Address

Enter the name and address of the business for the person who is self-employed.

Type of Business

Enter the type of business for each person who is self-employed.

Net Annual Income

Enter the net annual income for each person that is self-employed. Net Annual Income equals Gross annual income minus (employment expenses and depreciation). List the amounts reported to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on your tax forms. If you and/or your spouse did not file taxes last year, leave this box blank. Your county/tribal social or human services department will contact you for more information.

Depreciation Amount Claimed

List any depreciation amounts reported to the IRS on your tax forms. If you and/or your spouse did not file taxes last year, leave this box blank. Your county/tribal social or human services department will contact you for more information.

Income you Expect to Earn this Year

Enter the amount of gross annual income (before taxes and deductions) the person who is self-employed expects to earn this year.

SECTION V – Unearned Income

Unearned income may include, but is not limited too alimony/maintenance, charity, child support, disability/sick pay, interest/dividends, pension/retirement, worker’s compensation, money from property sold, money from another person, rental income, Social Security Income (SSI), Social Security, veteran’s benefits and unemployment income.

Do you or your spouse have unearned income?

Check “Yes” if either you or your spouse have unearned income. Check “No” if neither you nor your spouse have unearned income. If you checked “Yes” to this question continue on to complete the rest of Section V.

Name of the Person Receiving the Income

Enter the last and first name of the person receiving the income.

Type/Source

List the type or source of the income. Examples are, but not limited to, Social Security, Unemployment, Railroad Retirement, Workman's Compensation, private requirement/pension, child support, interest income and Veterans Benefits.

Gross Monthly Amount

Enter the gross (before taxes and deductions) monthly amount received for the type or source of income listed.

SECTION VI – Household Expenses

List all household expenses. Expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Mortgage/Rent
- Property Taxes
- Family Support/Alimony
- Court Ordered Attorney and Guardian Fees
- Homeowner/Renter Insurance
- Child Support
- Phone Bills
- Water Bills
- Gas/Electric Bills
- Heating Costs

SECTION VII – Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses

Describe the Medical Expense

List the types of expenses you have (for example, co-payments that you have or cost of over the counter drugs). Do not include medical insurance premiums or items for which you are reimbursed.

Indicate if the Medical Service/Item is Necessary for You to Work

Check the "Work Expense" box if the expense listed is for work. A work expense cannot be one that a similar worker without a disability would have, such as uniforms. Check the "Non-Work Expense" box if the expense listed is non-work related.

Amount

Enter the dollar amount of the expense listed.

How Often Paid?

List if the expense is paid one-time, weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, yearly.

SECTION VIII – Assets

In this Section list all assets owned by the applicant(s) and his or her spouse. Include assets owned jointly with any other person. Do not include the value of personal household belongings, unless of unusual value. (Motor vehicle information should be listed in Section IX.) List all assets owned by the applicant, and his or her spouse. Include assets owned jointly. Your assets may include, but are not limited to:

- Real Estate / Property
- Certificates of Deposit
- Trust Funds
- Life Estates
- Stocks
- Bonds
- IRAs
- Keogh Plans or Other Tax Shelters
- Personal Property of Exceptionally High Value
- Land Contracts
- Mortgage

For each item listed enter the Name of the Owner(s), Current Dollar Value, Description of the Bank/Financial Institution Name and Account Number.

NOTE: You will be asked to provide documentation to verify assets. For example, you will need to provide a copy of your bank statement showing the value of your bank account on the date the application is completed, or something that shows the death benefit and cash value of your life insurance policy. If you have these items available on the day you submit this application, provide a copy of them with your application. You will be contacted by an economic support worker and be asked to provide verification of missing, conflicting, or vague information, if the information would affect the decision about your Medicaid eligibility.

SECTION IX - Motor Vehicle Information

List all motor vehicles owned by applicant and his or her spouse. Include vehicles owned jointly with another person.

Type of Motor Vehicle

Enter the type of vehicle.

Year, Make and Model of Vehicle

Enter the year, make and model of vehicle.

Name of Owner(s)

Enter the last and first name of owner(s).

Amount owed on Vehicle?

Enter the dollar amount owed on the loan used to purchase this vehicle. If nothing is owed, enter \$0.

Vehicle used to get to medical appointments?

Check "Yes" if the vehicle listed is used to get to medical appointments. Check "No" if the vehicle is not used to get to medical appointments.

Vehicle used for employment, training, school or farming?

Check "Yes" if the vehicle is used for employment, training, school or farming. Check "No" if the vehicle is not used for employment, training, school or farming.

SECTION X – Medical Insurance Information

As a condition of Medicaid eligibility you must report any third party that may be liable to pay for medical care for you and your spouse including private health insurance, Medicare or Medi-GAP insurance. You must cooperate by giving information as requested. This also includes any insurance that may be available through an employee's group health plan or long-term care policy.

Do you or your spouse have medical insurance coverage?

Check "Yes" if you and/or your spouse have medical insurance coverage other than Medicaid. Check "No" if both you and/or your spouse do not have medical insurance.

Date Coverage Began?

Enter the date (mm/dd/yy) the coverage began.

Premium Amount

Enter the dollar amount of the premium (round to nearest dollar).

Premium Paid

Enter how often the premium is paid (quarterly, monthly, bi-monthly, semi-annual or annually).

Who pays the premium?

Enter the first and last name of the person who pays the premium.

Policyholder

Enter the first and last name of the policyholder.

Who is covered?

Enter the first and last names of the persons covered under the policy.

Insurance Company Name and Address

Enter the insurance company name and address, including city, state and zip code.

Insurance Number

Enter the insurance number (this may be group, subscriber, member, division, etc).

Is anyone covered by the Wisconsin Health Insurance Risk Sharing Program (HIRSP)?

Check "Yes" if anyone listed is covered by HIRSP. Check "No" if no one is covered by HIRSP.

Has anyone incurred medical bills as a result of an accident or does anyone have an accident claim or settlement pending?

Check "Yes" if there are medical bills as the result of an accident for you and/or your spouse. "Check "No" if there are no medical bills as the result of an accident.

If "Yes", check if you have incurred bills or have a claim or settlement pending for you or against you.

Check appropriate box.

Are you receiving Medicare Part A or B?

Check "Yes" if you are receiving Medicare Part A or B. Check "No" if not receiving Medicare Part A or B. Check "Yes" if your spouse is receiving Medicare Part A or B. Check "No" if your spouse is not receiving Medicare Part A or B.

Medicare Card Number

Enter Medicare Card numbers for those receiving Medicare.

If eligible, would you and/or your spouse like the State of Wisconsin to pay your Medicare Part B premium?

Check "Yes" if you and/or your spouse would like the State of Wisconsin to pay Part B premium (if eligible). Check "No" if you and/or your spouse would not like the State to pay the Part B premium.

SECTION XI – Resource Transfer

Have resources or assets been sold or given away within the last three years?

Check "Yes" if resources or assets have been sold or given away within the last three years. Check "No" if resources or assets have not been sold or given away within the last three years.

If you checked the "Yes" box, list type of resource or asset, the value and date it was sold or given away in Section XI. (Examples of some types of resources or assets are cash, checking and/or saving accounts, real estate, burial assets/burial insurance, or life insurance.)

Has a trust been set up or funded in the last five years?

Check "Yes" if you and/or your spouse have a trust that has been set up or funded in the last five years. Check "No" if a trust has not been set up or funded in the last five years. If yes was checked, enter the type of fund and the date (mm/dd/yy) the trust was established.

Do you want your spouse to keep the maximum allowed portion of your income if you are institutionalized?

An institutionalized person (one who is in a skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, institution for mental disease, a hospital, or participating in a community waivers program), who qualifies for Medicaid may be allowed to protect some of his/her income by transferring it to the community or non-institutionalized spouse, depending on the amount of income the community spouse has.

Check "Yes" if the institutionalized person will allow the maximum portion of income that is available to be transferred to the community spouse. Check "No" if the institutionalized person will not allow the maximum portion of income that is available to be transferred to the community spouse.

If "No" is checked, how much will be made available?

Enter the dollar amount of how much will be made available.

The next set of questions should ONLY be answered if you and/or your spouse are in a nursing home or hospital.

Name of Person in Nursing Home or Hospital

Enter the last and first name of the person in a nursing home or hospital .

Name of Nursing Home or Hospital

Enter the name of the nursing home or hospital.

Date of Admission

Enter the date of admission to the nursing home or hospital.

SECTION XII – Rights and Responsibilities

Your signature on the application means that you understand and acknowledge that the county/tribal social or human services department, W-2 agency and the state Department of Health and Family Services is authorized to request any information that is appropriate and necessary for the proper administration of the Medicaid program authorized under Wisconsin law.

Any person, including any financial institution, credit reporting agency, employer, or educational institution, is authorized to release this information, according to Wisconsin Statute s. 49.22(2m)(a): “The department may request from any person in this state information it determines appropriate and necessary for the administration of this section, ss.49.141 to 49.161, 49.19, 49.46, 49.468 and 49.47 and programs carrying out the purposes of 7 USC 2011 to 2029. Unless access to the information is prohibited or restricted by law, or unless the person has good cause, as determined by the department in accordance with federal law and regulations, for refusing to cooperate, the person shall make a good faith effort to provide this information within 7 days after receiving a request under this paragraph. Except as provided in subs. (2p) and (2r) and subject to sub.(12), the department or the county child support agency under s.59.53(5) may disclose information obtained under this paragraph only in the administration of this section, ss.49.141 to 49.161, 49.19, 49.46 and 49.47 and programs carrying out the purposes of 7 USC 2011 to 2029. Employees of the department or a county child support agency under s.59.53(5) are subject to s.49.83.

If you are found eligible for Medicaid, Wisconsin State law, with limited exceptions, requires the recovery of certain Medicaid benefits from your estate. The “Estate Recovery Program” brochure (PHC 13032) provides you with information on estate recovery. You may obtain a copy of the brochure from your local county/tribal social or human services department, or by contacting Medicaid Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002. Certain benefits you receive in the community after age 55 and all Medicaid benefits you receive while residing in a nursing home or while you are an inpatient in a hospital for 30 days or more, are recoverable. Also, if you reside in a nursing home or are institutionalized in a hospital, and are not expected to return home to live, a lien may be placed on your home. A lien may not be placed on your home if you, your spouse, or certain other family members reside in the home.

You have the right to an appeal by requesting a Fair Hearing if you do not agree with any action taken concerning your application or ongoing benefits. You may request a Fair Hearing, by writing to:

Wisconsin Department of Administration
Division of Hearings and Appeals
P.O. Box 7875
Madison, WI 53707-7875

You may also contact the county/tribal social or human services department and ask for a fair hearing verbally or in writing. DHFS is an equal service provider. To file a complaint of discrimination, contact:

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services
Affirmative Action and Civil Rights Compliance Office
1 West Wilson Street, Room 555
Madison, WI 53707-7850
Telephone: 1-608-266-9372 (voice) or 1-608-266-2555 (TTY)
Fax: 1-608-267-2147

or

U.S. Department of Health and Family Services
Office of Civil Rights – Region V
233 N. Michigan Avenue
Suite 240
Chicago, IL 60601
Telephone: 1-312-886-5077 (voice) or 1-312-353-5693 (TTY)

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Read the Rights and Responsibilities Section.
- ☐ Sign and date the application form.
- ☐ Enclose with your application any additional documentation or sheets of paper used to complete application.
- ☐ If you are not a U.S. citizen include a copy of your immigration status documents
- ☐ If you are acting on behalf of an applicant, include the Authorized Representative form.
- ☐ Complete all applicable sections of application.

Send the completed application to your local county/tribal social or human services department, W-2 agency, or Medicaid outstation site. Addresses for county/tribal agencies can be found at: <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Medicaid1/contacts/recipient-contacts.htm>, or by calling Medicaid Recipient Services at 1-800-362-3002.

OTHER PROGRAM INFORMATION

If you are interested in services for veterans, call 1-800-947-8347 (WIS-VETS) or contact your county Veteran Service Officer.